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Applicant: Richard Joseph et al.

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For: ASSAY AND PROCESS FOR LABELING AND DETECTION OF MICRO  
RNA AND SMALL INTERFERING RNA SEQUENCES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows: